

FRENCH ROCKS CIRCLE.

Proceedings of the Local Fund Board of the French Rocks Circle at a Meeting held on the 2nd of October 1896.

PRESIDENT.

P. Panchanatha Rao, Esquire.

PRESENT.

Official Members.

1. Thomas Inman, Executive Engineer, French Rocks division.
2. T. V. Armugam Mudaliar, Civil Surgeon, Mysore.
3. B. Narayanaengar, Assistant Commissioner.
4. M. Hussan Ali Bég, Amildar of Seringapatam.
5. V. N. Guru Rao, Amildar of Mandya.
6. Venkata Rao, Amildar of Krishnarajpete.
7. Shamaingar, Amildar of Nagamangala.
8. Subba Rao, Deputy Amildar of French Rocks.

Non-Official Members.

1. Ramanna of Mandya.
2. Mallappa of Malvalli.
3. Krishnappa of Krishnarajpete.
4. Garudachar of Nagamangala.

ABSENT.

Official Members.

1. M. Krishne Aras, Amildar of Malvalli.

Non-Official Members.

1. Govindappaingar, Inamdar.

Read docket Nos. 393 and 114 of 31st May and 18th September 1896, respectively, from the Deputy Commissioner, anent a road to be opened from Krishnarajpete to Akkihebbal.

In connection with this, it was brought to the notice of the Board that this part of the country is much used by traffic, but for want of a road much difficulty is experienced. It was resolved that a road may be opened. As there are no funds to be spared during the current year, the question of providing for the work was postponed till the next budget meeting.

2. Read docket No. 102, from the Deputy Commissioner of Mysore, anent water-supply to the town of Malvalli.

Kunnirkatte is the chief source of water-supply to the inhabitants of Malvalli. This katte is fed by the Gendekatte. The latter is reported to be in disrepair. It was resolved to improve it. Funds will be provided in the next year's budget.

3. Read Deputy Commissioner's docket No. 103 of the 14th September 1896 anent roads to be opened from Nagamangala to Bindiganavale and Devalapur.

The Amildar, as well as Mr. Garudachar, non-official member for the Nagamangala taluk, represent that these roads are very necessary. People find it almost impossible to travel on these pathways with carts. The Executive Engineer is of opinion that these works would cost much and may be executed when funds are available. The Amildar says that it is not necessary to open a metalled road and that an ordinary village road for the easy passage of carts would be sufficient. For this purpose he requires Rs. 200 per mile or Rs. 2,200 for each road, as the roads are expected to be each about eleven miles long. It was resolved that the earliest opportunity should be taken to meet this long felt want. This matter may be discussed by the Board at its next budget meeting in January 1897.

4. Read docket No. 104 of the 14th September 1896, from the Deputy Commissioner, anent sinking drinking-water wells in the Krishnarajpete taluk.

In the printed Proceedings book of the Representative Assembly of 1895, it is stated that wells are required in Erranahalli and other villages. The Amildar reports that there is no such village which goes by the name of Erranahalli. However, the villages where wells

are to be sunk in, were ascertained through the member Mr. Krishnappa; and they are 1 Somanahalli, 2 Ayappanahalli and 3 Bommanahalli. The first two of these works have been provided for out of Local Funds General for the year 1896-97. The third is an inam village and the members were unanimous as to the well work being carried out by the inamdar at his own cost.

5. Read docket No. 253 of the 29th July 1896, from the Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner, asking for the grant of Rs. 38½ being the $\frac{5}{13}$ th of $\frac{1}{3}$ rd of the cost required for clothing and bedding in Her Highness the Maharani's Female Hospital at Mysore.

Resolved that the sum in question be paid out of Rs. 1,000 provided in the current year's District Fund budget under "Contribution towards dispensary buildings."

6. Read Executive Engineer's docket No. 592 of the 20th August 1896 forwarding Public Works Department Secretary's docket No. 183-1527, dated 8th April 1896, anent maintenance allotment of the Mysore-Bangalore road *via* Kankanahalli.

It was brought to the notice of the Board that the road in question is not properly maintained on account of the insufficiency of the funds allowed. In the Bangalore district the rate granted per mile is Rs. 90 whereas it amounts to only Rs. 50 here. Considering the importance of the road, it was unanimously resolved that the rate in this circle be also raised from Rs. 50 to Rs. 90.

7. The Board then considered the proposals relating to the District Funds made by the Dasara Representative Members for the year 1896-97.

8. Mr. Narasimmegauda, member for the Seringapatam taluk, proposes to open or improve the road between Darasaguppa and Kunigal. The Amildar said that there is no village called Kunigal in the taluk. It seems to be a Dakala village and very insignificant. Considering the insignificance of the villages under notice and that of the traffic passing between them, it was resolved that the road be opened by the raiyats themselves.

9. Mr. Anandalwar, the member for Mandya, proposes two questions: (1) that the Government should induce people to open village roads by doing earth-work; and that the Government should only bear the cost of stone and masonry works, and (2) to open a road between Sathanur and Mandya and to construct a bridge over the Kodihalla there.

This question being a general one it was not thought necessary to do anything at present.

10. With regard to the 2nd question, it was resolved that the bridge and everything should be done at Government cost.

11. Mr. Sitaramaiya of Krishnarajpete proposed that a pond and a draw well should be constructed and sunk at Kikkeri to supply drinking water. It was represented that the Kikkeri tank will always have good supply of water, and in time of scarcity temporary wells will be sunk in the bed of the tank without difficulty.

12. The same member wants a bridge over one of the hallas on the Lingaraja chattr-Kallahalli road. There are several such hallas on the road in question. Under the present financial condition, the Board resolved to hold the question in abeyance.

13. Mr. Chendrasekharaiya, member for Nagamangala, has proposed that a bridge across the Lokapavani river near Honakere should be built. In the preliminary issue of the Public Works Department Budget estimates, Rs. 1,000 have been provided for this work out of Provincial Funds. The work is not an ordinary one and requires a large amount of money. The District Fund Board is unable to undertake the work, and it was resolved that reference be made to Government to sanction the work out of Provincial Funds, as it seems to be under contemplation.

14. Mr. Mallappa, the District Fund Board member for Malvalli, proposed a road to be opened from Malvalli so as to join the Purigal road near Surgur, the road now in existence being a circuitous one. The proposal is a good one and it was resolved to undertake this work. Provision will have to be made next year.

15. He further brought to the notice of the Board that a big halla on the road between Malvalli and Kirgaval be bridged or a road dam over the same be constructed. As regards this, the Executive Engineer has a complete cut and dry project.

16. The Amildar of Seringapatam said that a halla near Nagunahalli should be bridged over as much difficulty is felt by the people crossing it on their way to Seringapatam. The Executive Engineer has promised to inspect the place and favor the Board with his opinion on the subject.